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TO : Assistant Director for Research and Reports      DATE: 1 July 1957

THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area

FROM : Chief, Materials Division, ORR

SUBJECT: Meeting to discuss net value of exchanges and other travel to the USSR  
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REF : Memo from [REDACTED] to AD/RR and others dated 21 June 1957, same subject

1. The referenced memo called a meeting for 28 June to secure the views of various CIA offices on the intelligence value of exchanges and other travel to the USSR. Mr. Frederick Merrill, head of the East-West Contact Staff at State, had indicated that State might soon request a statement from the intelligence community on this subject.
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] was chairman; also present were representatives from PP,  
25X1A9a SR, OCI, OO, OSI, ORR, [REDACTED]
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2. The chairman, [REDACTED] suggested that the best way to provide a community expression on the intelligence value of East-West contacts would be to revise IAC-D-103, February 1955, which deals with the potential intelligence value of exchanges. Not only would this study be up-dated, but it would also be "enriched" with examples based on our experience thus far. Like IAC-D-103, the new paper would exclude "political" considerations including psychological warfare and propaganda considerations; these questions could, however, be considered in a separate paper. The DD/P people would like to have them so considered.
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] suggested that the re-do of IAC-D-103 could be backed up by a memo from the DCI to the Secretary of State which would cover both the intelligence and the "political" aspects of East-West contacts. Finally,
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] suggested that although both ought to be included, US contacts  
25X1X7 be separated from third country contacts [REDACTED]

3. After some discussion, all agreed that the suggested procedure was a good one and should be followed. It was agreed that this re-do would be laid on the participating offices in September, with a target completion date of late fall.

4. The OO representative presented some statistics which had been drawn up by Contact Division, summarizing the evaluations made of reports resulting from East-West contacts (copy attached). It was the consensus of the meeting that these statistics were useful and should be included in the proposed revision of IAC-D-103. It was agreed, however,

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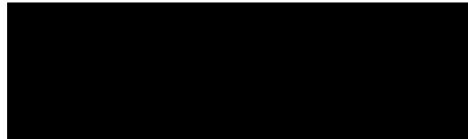
that the main argument in the re-do should be qualitative rather than quantitative.

5. It was further agreed that OO would draw up a machine tabulation of all its reports based on East-West exchanges or private travel. Approximately 20% of these reports have already been evaluated. Analysts will be asked to look quickly at the balance of the reports (which they presumably have already read) and to indicate quickly which they would have evaluated (1) "fills a priorities need" and (2) "of considerable value". Analysts would not be asked however, actually to prepare written evaluations.

6. It was agreed that, barring a crash request from State, no action would be taken at present except for the one described in the preceding paragraph. As noted above, a re-do of IAC-D-103 will be laid on for September.

7. Although implicit rather than explicit, it was clear that those present favored a continuation of East-West contacts from the intelligence point of view.

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Domestic Collection (OO-B) Reports Resulting from Travel to and from the  
USSR - 1 June 1955 - 30 May 1957

Evaluation scale

1. Fills a priority need
2. Of considerable value
3. Of value
4. Of slight or no value
5. Already sufficiently known

I. Summary

A. Total Reports, All Travel to and from - 576

Number evaluated - 129  
Percentage evaluated - 22.4%  
Of value and above - 86.9%

	<u>Evaluations</u>					<u>Not Eval</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>		
Air			1	1		3	5
Bio		18	1			8	27
Eco	1	11	21	9	2	158	202
Mis				1		3	4
Nuc		2	2			2	6
Pol	1					20	21
Sci	6	15	31	3	1	219	275
Soc			2			34	36
Totals	8	46	58	14	3		
%	6.2	35.7	45.0				

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## II. Official Exchanges

### A. Total Reports, Exchanges to USSR - 139

Number evaluated - 44

Percentage evaluated - 31.7%

Of value and above - 77.3%

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Not Eval</u>	<u>Total</u>
Air			1	1		1	3
Bio		1				2	3
Eco		7	15	6	1	57	86
Mis				1		2	3
Nuc		2	2			1	5
Pol						3	3
Sci	1	1	4	1		29	36
Totals	1	11	22	9	1		
%	2.3	25.0	50.0				

SUBJ.	1	2	3	4	5	NOT EVAL	TOTAL
AIR						3	5
SEC		16	1		2	8	27
SEC	1	11	21	9		156	202
SEC		2	2	1		3	6
SEC						20	21
SEC						219	275
SEC						34	36
SEC						447	576
SEC	6.2	46	56	14	3		
SEC		3.7	45.0				

TOTAL ALL

Report First Manuscript

22.4

% Evaluated

	1	2	3	4	5	NOT EVAL	TOTAL
SUBJ	1	2	3	4	5		
AIR			1	1		3	5
BIO		1				5	6
ECO	1	1	18	5	2	126	169
MIS				1		3	4
NUC		2	2			2	6
POL	1					20	21
SCI	4	3	18	2	1	97	126
SOC			2			32	34
	6	17	43	12	3	290	371
	7.4	21.0	53.1				21.8

TOTAL FROM USSR

BIO	17	1			3	21
ECO		2	1		30	33
SCI	2	12	12	1	122	149
SOC	2	28	15	2	187	208
	42	60.4	31.3			23.4

OFFICIAL EXCHANGES TO USSR

SUBJ	1	2	3	4	5	NOT EVAL	TOTAL
AIR			1	1		1	3
BIO		1				2	3
ECO		7	15	6	1	57	86
MIS						2	3
NUC		2	2			1	5
POL						3	3
SCI	1	1	4	1		29	36
	1	11	22	9	1	95	139
	42.3	25.0	50.0				31.7

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OFFICIAL EXCHANGES FROM USSR

BIO	13	1		2	16
ECO	13	2	1	29	32
	76.5	17.6	2.3	31	48
					35.4

NON OFFICIAL GROUPS TO USSR

ECO		4	2	15	21
MIS				1	1
POL	1			5	6
SOC	1	4	2	23	28
	14.3	57.1	28.6	43	50
					14.0

NON OFFICIAL GROUPS FROM USSR

BIO	4	1	5
ECO		1	1
SOC	4	2	2
		4	6
			50.0

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELERS TO USSR

SUBJ	1	2	3	4	5	NOT EVAL	TOTAL
AIR						2	2
BIO						3	3
ECO	1	4			1	56	62
EDUC						1	1
PROL						12	12
SCI	3	1	11	1	1	45	62
SOC	4	5	13	1	2	10	12
						129	154
	16.0	20.0	52.0				16.2

CONFERENCEES IN USSR

SCI	1	4			23	20
	1	4			23	20
	20.0	80.0				17.9

CONFERENCEES IN USA

SCI	2	12	12	1	122	140
	2	12	12	1	122	140
	7.4	44.4	44.4			18.1